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Metro Council and Chief Conrad encourage community to participate in National Night Out

Louisville – President David Yates (D-25), along with the Leadership of the Louisville Metro Council joined Louisville Metro Police Chief Steve Conrad and his command staff on Thursday to encourage residents to come out to National Night Out on Tuesday August 2nd.

The theme of this year's Metro Louisville celebration "Unite in Peace"

Here are other facts about National Night Out:

This year, LMPD's Eight Divisions will once host the people they serve everyday as a way of making all of us safer

This Tuesday, August 2nd those men and women will once again reach out to the neighborhoods they patrol in an effort to introduce themselves and get to know the people who make those neighborhoods part of Metro Louisville

The main idea of NNO is:

- create and continue a good relationship with officers and residents
- promote community involvement in reducing crime
- help make all areas of the community safe

We encourage every citizen and police family to find the nearest NNO event to accomplish this incredibly important mission.

Thanks to wonderful local partnerships, the different divisions will host a variety of activities; including interactive police vehicles and displays, free food, giveaways, dunking booths, mascots, face painting, and plenty of opportunities to sit down with local leaders to discuss crime prevention strategies.

Each site will also provide materials for starting a Neighborhood Watch Program, which is a great opportunity to create a structured, community-based crime reduction effort.

National Night Out in Metro Louisville



Division	Location	Address	Times
1st	Waterfront Park	Big 4 Bridge	5:30pm-8:00pm
2nd	California Park	1600 St. Catherine	6:00pm-8:00pm
3rd	Home Depot	6840 Dixie Hwy	6:00pm-8:00pm
4th	Wyandotte Park	1104 Beecher Street	5:00pm-8:00pm
5th	Peterson-Dumesnil House	301 S. Peterson Street	6:00pm-9:00pm
6th	Target Store	7311 Jefferson Blvd	6:00pm-8:00pm
7th			
8th	Target Store	12975 Shelbyville Rd	6:00pm-8:00pm

In Metro Louisville leading up to this year's event we have seen PEACE Walks and Neighborhood Walks with LMPD Division officers and Metro Council members.

The key to this effort is communication.

It means getting people out of their homes and out in the street talking with the men and women who patrol their neighborhoods.

Recently in Newburg one resident said about walking side by side with police officers "They're not as afraid as the public would lead you to believe that they are,"

Currently, Public Safety makes up more than 60 per cent of the current budget. It covers Police, Fire and EMS

Each year, we make sure that public safety is the number one goal of Metro Government.

We are having a tough year with violence... so now more than ever...we need our police and we need the community.

The History of National Night Out

The event has been held annually since 1984.

It began by asking people to turn on their porch lights as a sign that the community or neighborhood was taking back its street and fight against crime.

The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts.

The National Night Out campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from more than 15,000 communities and all 50 states.

This is a time for our citizens to come together to promote awareness, safety and unity, so that our neighborhoods can be safer, especially for our kids. If we could channel the spirit and energy generated from this night and carry it forward, we could make our neighborhoods a safer place year- round.

National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out is America's Night out Against Crime!

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